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Dearest Ones:
I'll put in another note before I send the letter. Just a little while ago the postman came bringing mail - two letters from you Mumsie mine + one from Sarah, one from De Etta; It was good to get the mail +, to hear from all. It came quite quickly even with forwarding as yours Mumsie were April 9 - 18th + Sarah 19th. Your last one in less than one month.

I am so glad mother you had the surprise visit to Eula + the fun of it for them! + got a dress. Roseburg seems to be a good place for your to shop! Get yourself plenty of cathes. - So the "wedding dress" has gone! Its done nobly tho hasn't it? I'm sure you had a good visit from Clyde + he enjoyed it too!
Sorry I forgot the date - I'll be more careful!

De Etta's letter told the news of the family - also said I'd have to report to her the family news as she hadn't heard - She hadn't written as she had had a terrible fall in February +. hit her head + had concussion

Allen M. P. Mem

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter which I wrote to Mr. Stone, and also a copy of his reply. Mr. Stone is a very good man, and I am very much in hopes that we can get along with him very well. He says he will be here on the 15th of this month, and I think we can get along very well until he comes. I have written to Mr. Stone to

of the brain! I'd scare me! it was too bad! She said she was in hospital 5 days & quiet for weeks & simply crazy and lost her memory at first — The letter seemed a bit mixed — so I judge she is still a bit affected! Mercy don't hint that last in writing but that is why she hasn't written. Do write to them! She enclosed a good snap of Warren. May God use this trial to bring them to Himself!

Mather dear your two brief statements about Daddy Si + the hint in Ray's letter of Daddy not being then, well then Sarah's letter which told much more thinking of course I knew — just breaks my heart. I can't write at all — but I have left all with our Father who loves and knows! I have His peace and sweet presence with you too + tho seas divide I feel you all very near. I wish I could be there — to help. But do tell me all don't fear to worry me — It's much harder to know just a

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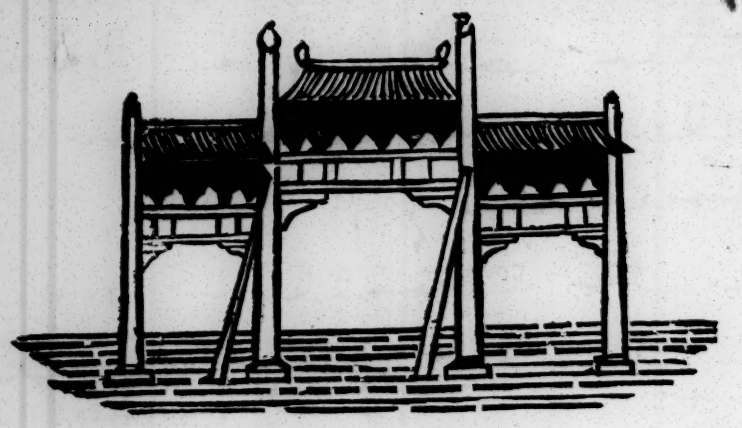
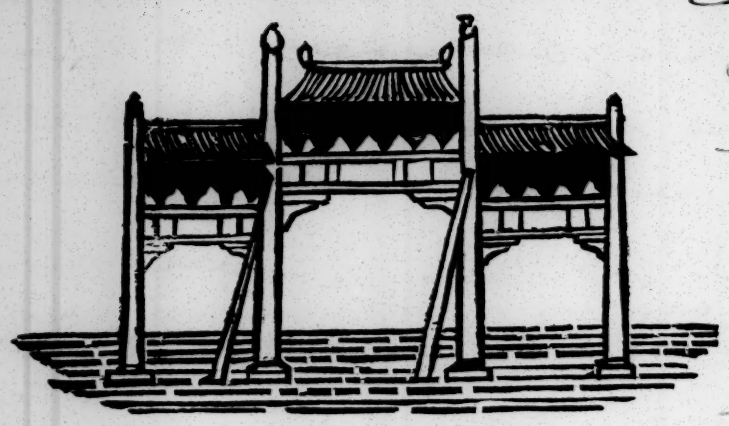


159 Shantung Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
China
Sunday 20 of May, '28

Dearest Ones! Here it is Sun. Eve. almost nine o'clock, As usual if I write any other letter yours suffers - I wrote thanking Julia for silk bloomers she sent for Christmas + also a letter with a wedding gift to two moody pals - so the time is taken. Guess it was time to get a "Thank you" off but oh the drawer full of letters awaiting me!! Well, they won't get off these two weeks I guess as these next two the last of language school are going to the hard + full! Have to prepare a 3 min" speech to give before the faculty + students + prepare to recognize 500 more characters for exam + do the regular work besides. I have got off all of my last summer's hand overs - last Friday the last - writing of 200 characters - I missed 2 of the 50, - not entirely wrong but one stroke or two wrong. I'm glad indeed to get this off, Have June + July classes with a teacher - I hope I can have the one I had most of winter + who is so fine - then August I'll play! Yesterday, we played, We went to the "old Mountains" nine from school got cars + went for a hour - then climbed up the mts. to an old German hotel where we ate lunch + a few of us then climbed for 1 1/2 up + up over big boulders + had a glorious view of mts tho the sea was covered with mist. We left all the

cares of school, Japanese, war etc + just enjoyed ourselves, — rather taking a big breath before we buckle down again for this last lap of the journey!
Today took mei mei (little sister literally — Mrs Hu's little girl to S.S. then after dinner took the amah to a class — went to see a Chinese friend who has gotten t. b. went to foreign church — Mrs. Eames said I must stay for supper — they had chicken salad + strawberry shortcake so I consented! They are so lovely to me! always include me in any little extras + make me so at home. We can't get whipping cream out here — but the cook has a clever substitute for the cake. There is a kind of thick Japanese syrup which if added to white of egg with a tsp of sugar — makes a great marshmellow whip which is very good. These were my first strawberries tonight —
Must tell you about the little Chinese girl — mei mei — If I wear white or pretty colored dresses she is so happy + just talks + smiles. This a.m. I happened to put on that dark blue silk which Mrs. D. made. When she came to the table she wouldn't talk to me — but caused her eyes + said the dress was not pretty + shed not go to S.S. with me. Later I put on a little pink Japs. short coat — but she said she wanted the skirt changed too!!! When I put on that rose + grey small check — you remember she was delighted + off we went a big as you please. She is so cute — a bit spoiled — but is just dear — Yesterday she told some friends that I am her "adapted mother" I said "hoo"



all right – but that in China when seriously undertaken is really a serious matter. I mean there are papers drawn up & in case of death of parents certain responsibilities are to be assumed, – beside certain gifts at required times etc – so I'll not do that but it is fun to take her out & play with her – I'd like all right to adopt her in our way at home but here there are too many rules & customs! This sounds much more serious on paper than it is – this of my adopting her – don't be alarmed!, I'll put in some pictures taken here so you'll see "my new family"!

Well, we still are heart sick over this new war cloud! Japanese soldiers continue to come & to come. They (Japanese) say there are 30,000 here now – Protection is a threadbare excuse! that's probably several hundred soldiers per person! This we know is true – but I suppose no one will believe it. Mr. Smith & Dr. Wheeler of University in Sian, our mission, heard the report of Japanese killing wounded Chinese soldiers & they didn't believe it but went to see & found it true. In the excuse that they had been fired on from this Chinese govt hospital they (Japanese) entered it – killed Supt + 100 wounded soldiers. They saw the bodies all just in every condition. Germany had no proved acts of violence equal to that that I know of – I suppose sinking hospital ships is the same class! The boldness & the effrontery is amazing! The rickisha man told me today Japan & China would fight soon! I am very

interested to know sentiment there. Of course you're only getting news from Japanese sources + so it is biased. So many Chinese have said - other countries are cont. till about but America will be on side of right! Whee! I just shiver to think if she should fail to be fair to China! Some think U.S. + Eng. gave Japan permission otherwise shid not done to Eome - but I am sure that's false! Tsinan has never been a concession to anyone + so it is a reversal of all the recent policies of all countries + our "Open Door" for Japan to take it. Some see her aim as Chihli + Shantung, a circle with northern provinces around yellow sea, - but nations surely wouldn't allow it.

Must close + get to bed. Yours of April 25, here in amazingly short time, your faith + peace of mind Munsie dear, I praise god for them! We must realize that nothing can enter his circle of love without His permission so we can trust + rest + know whatever comes is for good. We're safe here + most likely won't be any fighting here at all. Thank all for their prayers + love + please pray for China + counsels of nations. It is easy to peice out the begining of another world war in these days - but we hope not! The garden news is good. Glad Uncle Alva is able to be up + help! Must close now its late + I must be up early in the morning - With heaps of love + prayers for you all. My precious Munsie how I love you + think of you so much these days! May His grace be sufficient! It will.

Loads of love. Irene

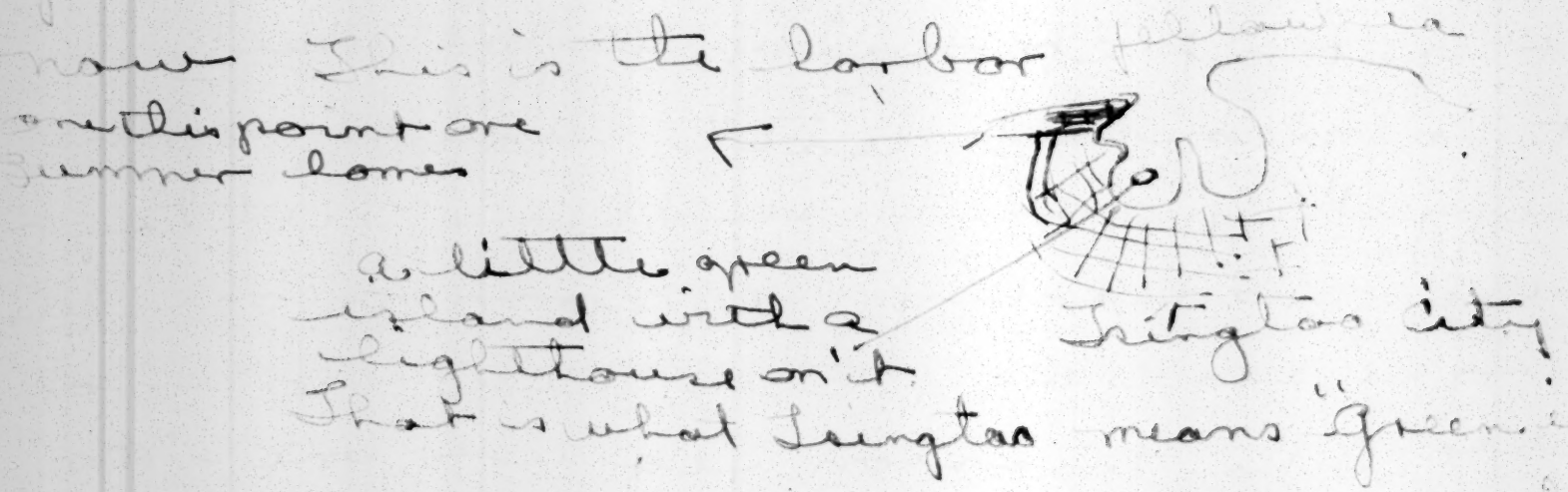
159 Shantung Road
9 mrs. J. L. Hw
June 4, 1928
Tsingtao, Shantung
China
June 8, 1928.

My Precious ~~Family~~ Friends!
This is Tuesday night and I must get off a bit of a letter - now more days passed + this is Friday nite - another interval of two weeks for this letter to cover - my diary isn't up either so I may miss some of the events - in these overcrowded weeks, I think I told you that we had a strenuous week of exams etc ahead - it surely was as I expected. We had to prepare in all those classes for this demonstration on Friday which a number of friends attended, including some of Tsingtao station I suppose to see what their new prospect was doing - well, they've had plenty of chance to look me over + see all "me defects etc". We had to prepare the 3" speech in Chinese. It was fun - really - in spite of the nerve strain of the occasion. It was fun to realize I had gotten a bit done! That was my really first - ~~Lent~~ Master. ~~We are abiding~~ thou - John 1. Divisions - formerly where Jesus was - relation to us - forgiveness now - in our hearts - its relation to our representing Jesus + showing Him to Chinese + necessity for Christlike life, - I stayed with Martha + Erva that night + next a.m. " at breakfast Erva said" - How brave are you?

2) Will your give your speech to the girls? She is principal of Sullivan Girl's School here. I gave it + it was ever more fun - as I did not have the strain of critical teachers + more critical freiends to listen. I feel it was a blessing to me if not to anyone else! Thursday got off another exam on 500 characters - recognizing them - so am clear up to date - with another bunch to get off this summer but - that's later -

Friday nite - began a series of farewell dinners for Martha Wylie who has gone back to Cheefoo - We surely were kept busy! Keeping her company. Mr. + Mrs. Chandler had us up - about all the single folks - had such a nice buffet supper + nice visit. I had my physical exam the next a.m. + came thru finely - nothing very wrong - need to go to dentist + have a little eye treatment but nothing very serious - I am so grateful for the strength + health for the days ones that the Master gives. Then Sat. noon Mrs. Hu + I invited some of our mutual friends here to dinner - a real Chinese feast; It was so nice - She I've no way to return the many kindnesses of folks to me so Mrs. Hu let me help in it + ask some guests! That's the trouble of boarding - (I can see in that the truth of Mr. Davies statement - one would want eventually a place of ones own) We had such a nice time + all enjoyed it I am sure - I was so glad for them to see my nice Chinese family - They all approve!!

3. Then after dinner Mrs. Eames had asked me to come out to the Iltis Hub — I'll be talking of this more or less so I'll explain it now. This is the harbor



That is what Tsingtao means "Green island."

See the heavily inked part is Iltis Hub. (old German name) It is about 30 min rickshaw ride from city where Summer homes are built — making a little separate community. Mrs. Eames lives there now. She said I was to come out after school + rest. We were out from Friday till Thursday of this week. They have a nice house (built in partnership with a family on furlough) She fixed what she called my room (I'll be in it in August) + had it so nice. Rest! I surely did went to bed at dark + slept + oh it was glorious not 100 yards from splashing waves + from the window lovely old raggedy mountains! I slept the clock around + took Billy down to play in the sand + such fun we had — made a sand birthday cake at his request + when I put little bits of straw on for candles didn't he burst out singing "Happy Birthday to You". Martha + I had church out on the rocks with dashing waves for music. The week-end was just marvelously restful + restoring to both spirit + body — I just praise Him for it!

4] Monday - you'll laugh at this - or be worried but you need not do either! I made my will! It seemed so absurd I didn't get at it really before but the point is in case of death no one can touch anything even to send home without long legal proceedings. As soon as one dies everything is sealed + then there's no end of trouble. The mission requires one - Mr. Evans very graciously helped me from his document - I'll get it right + go over it with consul + when in final form I'll send you the copy of it so you'll all know - Its so hard to know what to do with most of the stuff! This took nearly all morning + then came home after dinner - a kind friend gave Mattie a dinner + party that nite. It was so nice. Then Tues. all school invited the teachers to a trip to Las Glan Mts. they had not been before. We had a great trip - they enjoyed it immensely - the foreign food especially! + how they ate! - I guess all of us did our share! They drove one car up to the old vacant hotel where we ate out under the trees - I was lazy + rode up too -
Then Wed. because there was no other time - we were invited to Huk Tu breakfast with Mrs. Thompson of Tchowfu. They have a summer home in a pine grove on a rocky point in such a beautiful spot. She has her house full of English missionaries, (evacuated) it was very interesting to meet them -
As we were on way home in rickshas Mattie with a lot of packing to do before

5] noon - a man picked us up in his car - so we rushed in + I helped pack well we did it madly till noon when a lot of friends came for dinner - surprise for Stella Walter's birthday - also Martha's last meal. We all got her off then P.M. Now we hate to see her go. She's been such a fine pal! Erva was left to be alone so I kept her company that nite. A Korean pastor came to Tsingtao en route someplace + she heard him preach last week so asked him to have meetings for her girls! We've been praying all winter about someone to lead meetings - he surely is the answer - He has been working at Pilsen + is perfectly marvelous! Such a spirit-filled man - + girls love to hear him. That nite we talked to him + I went with her to hear him speak + it was so fine. Talked on - "our constantly beholding Jesus + being transformed to His likeness" - that is an awkward translation - Then next A.M. we were up for 6:30 prayer meeting for + with the girls

I meant to tell you what happened down at the boat on Wed. There were great crowds of Japanese there, school children, in uniform of blue skirt + white blouse, mechants, a group with floating banners nurses, all to do honor + see off a box which contained the cremated remains of 3 soldiers killed in Tsinan. All bowed with bored heads as it came on board - then it was placed in the cabin - where big men + officers passed by to burn incense + bow three times. The name tablets were there + candles burning before the coffin. Love of country is fine but so

6) much propaganda + untruth enter into any war spirit no matter what country it is. Mr. Walter has well said - Truth is the first to be killed in war - How those hearts who witnessed that scene would all feel we must fight China for revenge! and all the same the Chinese would be feeling just the same - + only news or information favorable to keeping that spirit is permitted to be given in any war! Well, we couldn't but think of the 100 wounded soldiers slain in cold blood. There is wrong undoubtedly on both sides in present trouble - oh how we need to watch not to hate + to keep Christ's love uppermost in our hearts - Of course all this greed for other land, strife + envy come from sin!! The poor old world is sin sick sure enough!!

This is rather interesting! Mrs. Hsu had a friend who had a son born last week - The friend sent a present of 19 red-colored eggs to Mrs. Hsu If a boy it must be an odd number of eggs, if a girl an even number; (Mrs. Hsu sent her sister 49 when the oldest boy was born) then Mrs. Hsu returned 100 eggs to Mrs. Li, not colored. The exact number depends on money in home + closeness of friendship. Because this lady is the second boy's "adopted Mother" Mrs. Hsu sent from him 2 chickens, 10 boxes of mien tiao, (macaroni) + some other food I forget. When baby is 1 mo. old Mrs. Hsu must send a present of silk + the family of baby must give a feast to the friends who drink "Hsi chiu - formal happy wine." This is interesting - before the baby came a couple of years they adopted Mrs. Hsu's

7] second boy - the thought to be that - that will influence her child to be a boy - but in case they've no children the adopted child could officially carry on their family.
Mrs. Hu's little boy lives on here tho with her. This is the daughter-in-law of the Mrs. Li (Buddhist) I told you of before. We are going tomorrow to see her + I think I'll take baby 1 pr. stockings - just to be polite - to her + as Mrs. Hu's friend.

I'm sending this letter from Miss MacCurdy - read or have it printed as you wish but please return soon to me. She has no other copy + wishes to have this.

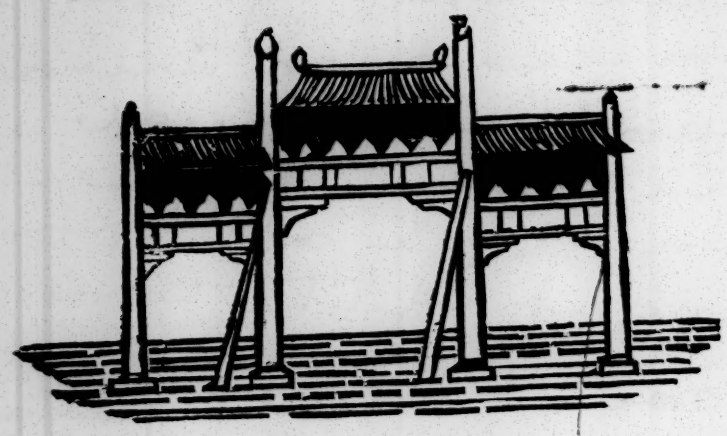
I'm thinking you'll think I do nothing but go out to dinners - this week I was surely [illegible] but they are only play times in between the hours of digging. I dont tell all about them but I hope you won't get [illegible] - I've forgotten why I'm here!

Thurs a.m. we began the summer term of language work. in another place - 30 minutes walk away - 8-12. + then P.M. 1 hr. with teacher I have my nice Mr. Li again + I'm so glad he is so fine. The hour more often is 2 hrs. - but tho we have a full schedule we're supposed to do a bit less in summer heat! I leave here at 7:30 + back at 12:30. So far, walk both ways + will till its too hot. Now must close that, too is a big day - lot of errands + meeting + work on a speech I have to lead chapel on Tues. Nity - nite dearest ones - Love - Irene -

8 Sat. Eve. Today have been very so didn't do much! got some little crepe de chêne shoes for Mrs. Lis Cbaby & we went to call on them - The most darling little Chinese doll!! I was so amused! Its the first baby for 20 yrs in the family so of course all just adore it! It was so funny, the twins (21 yrs old) big strapping boys! just hovered over it & the minute it waked one would dash with a bottle to put in its mouth! They just hover over it as if it might leave! They have to arms tied to its side - because - the old Mrs. Li said - It had before been in close quarters & now let it loose slowly & that it would help it from being frightened & jumping at noises! Strange to us surely! It was a dear little mite! They gave me eleven red eggs! They were discussing in Shanghai talk which I didn't understand but Mrs. Hu told me - how when he is bigger they'd ask me to take him a while and he could learn English! She said they were serious!! The little girl here calls me adopted mother. And I tell you Mrs. Hu heard the boys telling her that they had adopted mother & she didn't & she just laid them out (she can do it in Chinese too) said theirs weren't as pretty as hers. Hers had yellow hair (all foreigners have yellow hair to Chinese) & Shin was white & she were good looking foreign dresses & theirs didn't!! It was killing! I guess I'll have to be adopted - nothing legal at all - just for fun! She goes out with me & just walks as proudly as a peacock!! She's surely cute & pretty!

Tomorrow want to go to see Miss Chiao - she's in bed with b.b. Bless her heart - she's so sweet! & so patient!

Your letter of May 7 - here - Am glad you are back at the Manse. I feel you're happier there & I am so glad Uncle Alva is so well & can get to

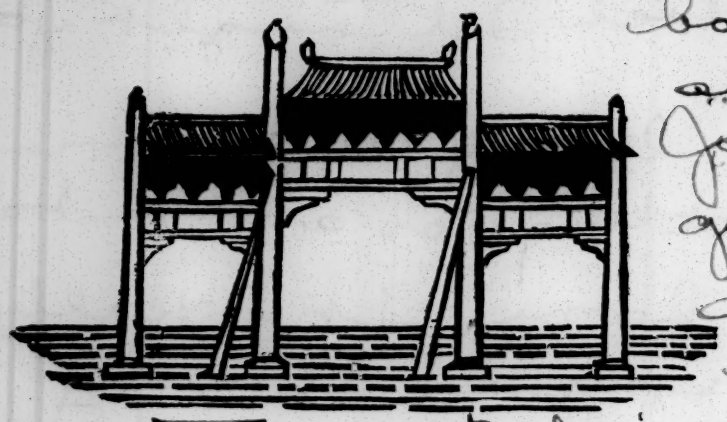


159 Shantung Road
C/o Mrs. T. T. Hu
Tsingtao, Shantung
Sun. June. 17. 1928

Dearest Loved Ones!
Now for a visit with my precious family
I want to get it off this p.m. because I have
to go at 3:30 to help in the primary at S.S.
then church 4:30 - go to Erva's for their last
meeting of C.E. at 7 - have supper with
her. Then bed early as I have to get up a.m.
to memorize a report in Chinese to give in
class. So must get this in right now.
My! how full the days are!! Just every
one filled up. This week has gone beautifully
we are getting much good practise at
school + I love it. The group is small
but almost all of same stage of advance-
ment + we're really one in spirit. The
classes are very interesting - we get more
practice talking + doing independent construc-
tion of sentences - tones etc. Of course we
weren't ready for it before but it is really
fun now! I'm so glad I didn't go out to
the Huk - they're not so evenly divided
in ability - Margaret who is out there
was feeling pretty discouraged as she has to
be with for advanced ones! The long walk is
getting easier too. So far but for two
days we had lovely cool days + have
not suffered the least with heat but

South + interior have been unbearably hot - 2 rickshaw men died from heat in Tsinan. Truly, this is a lovely spot, + its such a blessing to be here there days. When its too hot I take a rickshaw home at noon, tho I want to walk most of the time. We have a volley ball court + all play ten minutes in between classes for rest; proper exercise helps so in keeping well for the strenuous study.

Friday P.M. all the regular Tsingtao people met to give Mr. + Mrs. Conradt who have this Thursday for home furlough by way of Europe a farewell picnic out at the beach between here + the Huts. It was such fun. Had a camp fire to boil water + it was so nice - make me think of our many camping trips + the fun of it! That really seems more vacation to me than the seaside. Maybe we can have some hikes like that here + cook out suppers + sleep out - tho I dont know. They had a very nice poem written for them + then one humorous chapter + all wished them a bon voyage. I then went over to stay all nite with the Rames. They didnt tell them before but just walked in. I think they were glad I did - they make me so at home + want me to feel that that is home. Sat. morning at 6:30 we all put on bathing suits + tow down the distance (of our house to Mrs. Williams - their house is that near the beach) + had a glorious swim!! My first this year + oh it was nice. I came



back to go to dentist - my annual trip - There is a good Japanese dentist we all go to -. She worked 2 hrs. on Monday's report writing it in chinese character -

In afternoon at the American Community Home - the Americans all received American sailor boys. The Home is especially for them - our School meets there too - organized + kept up by the American community here. It is the first year, on such a large scale anything has been done. It's needed !! - no place for sailors on shore leave to go for clean recreation + there are any number of the other kind of places! They had a program 4-6 - then supper - everyone bringing food etc! Then games after supper! There were over 100 people there - I expect 70 or 80 sailors. There were 12 the time before so its growing. This Wed. they are planning a candy pull! The number of unmarried girls is small so it falls on us to help tho there are many married women help so its nice. They are organizing athletic sports + Bible classes, a lunch counter, Sunday services etc. There is a great work to be done but I want to be careful not to spend too much time on it, especially as this is my station and the girl whom I am following was criticized for spending too much time with the sailors.

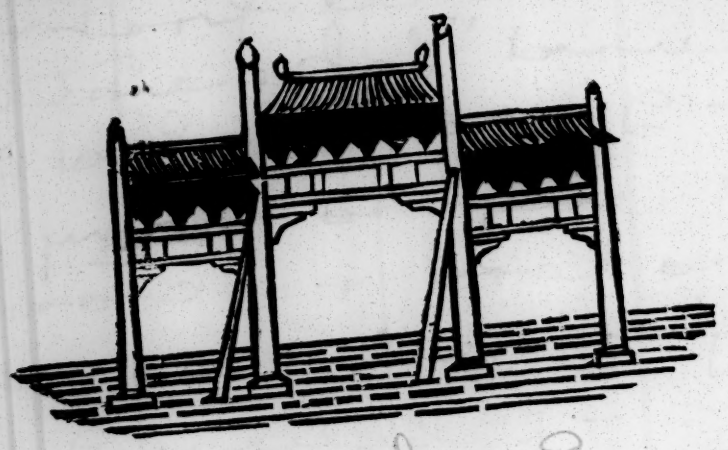
I have the country-trip pictures at last so I'll send them. Also a report of the rickisha

4] mission in Shanghai which I thought you'd like to see,

Mrs. Hu this week gave me a lovely chinese ring chinese gold, + green jade setting as a remembrance of my living in a chinese home. It is really worth quite a little. I appreciate very much her gift - it was lovely of her to think of me, I'd love to give her something foreign of course, + I've no idea what to get her!

Mamma 'ones, I'd rather like something - you remember my white poplin pleated skirt + the blouses I have. I have one white + black knit - foreign hand sport tie but its about done - so if you could send me one that would be suitable for there I'd love it, I don't know what they're wearing now in those neckties but Eula or Bessie will know. don't pay much but just want something to fill that spot. Mother isn't there some Christmas money there - no maybe that's in with the picture frame I wrote of, I'll appreciate so much if you'll send me one! Mother dear, I'm just so slow + can't tell why I've not gotten your amber off. at last I've got a box I think will do + now since I pass P.O. each day I'll try to mail it this week! I am ashamed to be so slow!!

Now the time's up so I must dash! I'll maybe get in another short letter! Bye loved ones - I love you so + do trust all are well. No letter this week! - but know all is O.K. my! what a privilege to be in China now during all these hard problems + times of change + great need. I feel very very little - + just on verge of having to really take over some work for the summer + next year - The power is of Him who called + has been with me - so He must do it all. Bye + love, love, love - Irene



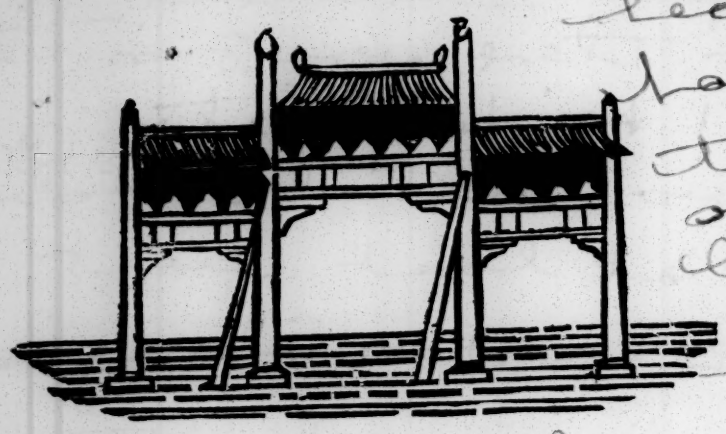
159 Shantung Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
June 29, 1928
Sunday.

Dearest "Loved Ones":

Here's another Sunday passed with no letter - Every time I miss a week I wonder, mind not to do it again + here it has happened! Last Sunday my typhoid shot made me enjoy bed more than anything else + then this week was unusually busy - because, beside the other regular things - I prepared, corrected, with teacher + memorized my fifteen minute speech - second year requirement - + gave it at chapel on Thurs. day morning. Mr. Lewksbury - our former principal + also Mr. Davies, at Tsingtao Language committee were there to sit in judgment!

Mercy days! here it is Tues Eve. July 3 - + my letter just begun! I'm determined to write tonight - I just want to visit - This was started Sun P.M. - I wrote to a sick friend first + to the Reynolds - so it made my home letter later yet! There's a boat tomorrow maybe this will get! I stopped up there Sunday + went to church. The Chaplain of "The Beaver" of the U.S. Navy stationed here preached a very good sermon on the Two Crosses in Salvation.

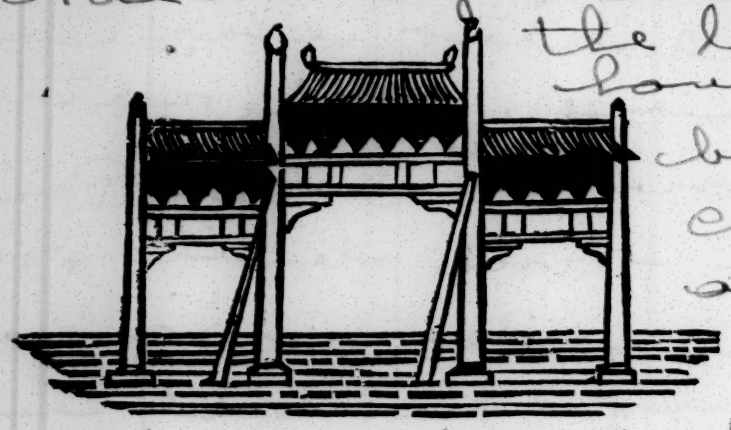
2/ He spoke of Christ's cross as the first + gave its significance then used "Take up thy cross + follow me" — I was so glad he didn't explain that the way so many do that the Christian life is so hard + a cross to be born + that Christ just piles us up with unpleasant tasks — I believe I feel toward that interpretation much as Father used to when ministers made the great White Throne a judgment of Christians. Chaplain Lash gave it as death to self to be raised in indentification with Christ in resurrection life. Death to the lower self — to be raised to live to higher. Anita came back on last Thursday so she was here with me to go to church. She's staying out with Mrs. Eames at the Huk, but comes in once in a while. I persuaded her to stay in + we both went out to the American Community Home to have supper — + then stayed for the sing afterward. We almost had to go because of the housecleaning here in my home — all the walls being reskalsomined + since the place is owned by a Japanese not Christian I presume Sunday found us in the awful agony of scraping plaster + rebuilding an outer brick wall in bath room — Sun A.M. We ate in one of my rooms which was finished on Sat. then noon went to a restaurant — all the family — so by nite things were so thick even the stove out of Kitchen we sped out for a bite + I am sure it was with a glad



heart Mrs. Hu got us off hands. The boys had all taken places when we arrived so we had it later by ourselves & such a nice supper too! There was a song service with really a fine crowd! I don't believe I've told you much about this Home. It is incidentally the that we have our language School; formerly it was a German School building with volley ball court & tennis courts There a' a number of rooms - 3 stories - The members of the Holiness mission - who have assumed a responsibility no one else wanted live there. They serve supper every night, have Bible classes, games & books papers, a piano - etc -. It is very far out & has that disadvantage - I do so wish it were here on Shanting Road where just flocks of sailors go by & where there are cabarets & everything else to attract but it was impossible to find anyplace. Some people feel it isn't worth while I guess - but I surely do - for example one of the boys who is really fine & has kept a true Christian said the other nite when he stopped for me to go with him out there "He'd no other place in Tsingtao to go" - & there are loads of the wrong kind of places to go. I didn't go with him because of having to prepare for the 15 min speech -

4) but even keeping a few straight is worth while. Last night there were 8 in the Bible class which had 1 Friday nite. One boy Mr. Wesche, the Supt said was catholic & didn't want to go in to it but at last went. Margaret Winslett who helped in Shanghai in Sailor's Home, our Board Schowfw) taught it & Mr. Wesche said afterward he said "he'd no idea Bible was like that" he'd like to come back. Its slowly growing but it going to be blessed I'm sure. Mrs. Evans, a Baptist missionary on the way to the Home — saw a woman on street soliciting, accost "Happy" Watts — (a fine, clear faced lad) & pull him — till at last he just slapped her! So its worth while to have such a place. We made candy up there one nite & that was a success! I don't want to go too much because Miss Goerzen before me here was criticized for spending too much time with them & Mr. Davies (my "father-confessor" ha!) doesn't approve much of the work so I want to be careful. Of course, I don't approve of gunboat policy or want soldiers to protect me but while we've got them — helping to win a soul among sailors doesn't seem to me inconsistent. She didn't get the language & I suppose there was justice in the criticism if she spent that time with sailors — but if one does the present task & helps with that I see no just reason for criticism but I'll be careful. I go out sometimes

5. Once or maybe twice a week. I don't want the boys coming here tho - two have for a few minutes - but I'm no foreigner as chaperon + Mrs. Hu isn't always here so just don't want to start it.



I'm going to enclose Anita's letter to me - telling of her return to Nanshuchaw - Think you'll enjoy it!

Well, I wandered a long way on my discourse on the Home. I'll finish about my speech! I used this outline - Come + see Jesus!

I. The Unregenerate at first look at Jesus sees his sin - as Job. Isaiah - Zacchaeus II. Christian's look - of transformation - John 17:24 Behold His glory. Story of great stone face illustrating that we become what we think of + idealize II Cor 3:18 Rom 8:29. It was fun to work it out - but I spent hours over it, Mr. Davies said it was very well done, I nearly feel over as he is quite strict + stern - Of course speaking to those folks was not to be compared with a country group - who are so hard to speak to - - - Mr. Davies says 5 yrs. really for trial + then one is really worth something - You've no conception of this language - I love it but its hard! No one who has ever attempted to learn Chinese can look down on the Chinese as inferior - Then today I got off an exam on 114 characters - radicals (to help one to look up in dictionaries) Still have 500 of the second thousand to recognize + pass + a theme of 500 characters to write from memory 80% in character - with our regular work this month, Am trying to get the phonetic this term too. That's the symbols or short

6. method of writing — its like a bitter pill to me but necessary — I like it less that anything I've found in Chinese. We're really having such a fine course. Today Pastor Wei had for his subject — god, devils & man, but asked us questions like an ignorant outsider & we had to explain all we could. Sometimes he traps us — & then pulls us out of the hole but its great fun — we have real arguments & objections which we'll meet. Its great really!

Yesterday, had my second typhoid shot & haven't felt it at all — arm is hot & sore but felt fine. Remember how I felt at home with the second shot & Mr. Everett came to say goodbye? Is he married to the Eugene girl? Where is Helen Andrews? Miss Ross?

Have had fun being Dr. this week — The cook burned his arm terribly & have been keeping it dressed with vaseline. Was afraid it was not right & had "proud flesh" (I wouldn't know "proud flesh" if I saw it but it has a white spot which I didn't like so decided that was it!! Met Dr. Chalfant in Drug Store & he came over to see it for me & lo!! its almost well — ready to get dry with boric acid — "I fear I'll turn to proud flesh" over my cure"!!! ha!

He is nicest, steady, faithful cook. His learning to read & studying an inquirer's book! Pray for his conversion & the amah's.

Margaret Smith — of our Board — one of the Peking Lans, friend's father just died in an

7. auto accident - she's going home 2 months
to rest coast. She has your addresses -
don't know at all whether she'll
be near write you but want to tell
you. She has such a fine ideal
of service (nurse) but I fear
not in criticism, but she's about
where I was spiritually (aside from this ideal)
before I went to Moody. I just wanted
you to know a bit if she comes so you'll
know how to pray for her + maybe help her.
The document is off dearest mumsie, I
hope all right now. I had Mrs. Hsu + my
teacher Mr. Li sign it - you'll think his name
is Chow - but he has used the regular Chinese
order! I was so glad to have them be witness
I could have gotten foreigners but I wanted
my Chinese friends to do it; you'll get it by now
as I got it off last week.
Yours letters of May 21 - 30 are here. So you're back
at Woodburn for a time - I wonder if you
won't stay with Mrs. Mack. Too bad to lose
the sale, but will hope it will come again.
Mumsie dear, we never knew when Mother's
day was! Eula, please inform me next year!
I'm sorry your far-away chick was so
unthoughtful - I'm hopeless the amber
still unmailed - think I've a plan now
have had it wrapped for some time but
not satisfied with the box - I'll surely
get it off soon now - Mother that's so nice
you got the hat, gloves + how to match the
dress - Get someone to take a picture of you -
you've sent no snaps since I left. I'd like
to have one! please! Glad uncle Alva is
better!

8) Where is Julia going on her trip? I haven't heard
I was so slow writing her - because I couldn't
decide what to tell her to come or not?
I am so happy mother mine, that you are so well!
& no disease - I am glad too you do go to be
examined! Mumsie dear, you mustn't think
about the trip to China, when you come, as one
to be dreaded - mercy no! You'll be a fine
sailor - & it will be so comfy & all you'll
enjoy it! I've met Mrs. Seymour. She's here now.
Looks so much like Aunt Callie only her hair
is snow white & much taller & more stately!
but I'm always struck by the resemblence
If church women want to type a few copies
of the report I'd appreciate 5 or 10. I've not
touched letters for months - except yours -
but in August I hope to!! I've all I can
manage this month. We're grateful for the
coolness again. Two days were so hot & nothing
compared with what interior & Shanghai must
be. There has been a high mist all day.
I'll bet the twins were cut in their "orange suits"
any pictures? Mumsie precious dear, love
surely covers a multitude "you said, you didn't want my pretty
face" to turn brown - ah well, honey its awfully sweet to
have such a love!! How would I go without it?
I always think of Mr. Harris & the cream puffs -
Remember how he ate the inside with the cream?
Um! I bet they were good! Do you know we
get most luscious apricots here!! um! sweet
& so plentiful!! Never ate such ones! Fruit is
plentiful in Shantung - port city anyway.
I'm weary - must get to bed - the old fog horn is moan-
ing, the Chinese for it is "sea cow" & its surely
descriptive of the sound - it will go all night.

work he will be happier I am sure, Please thank the writer of the poem for her sweet thoughtfulness & her prayers! I am sure I am not worthy a poem all for me but I appreciate her spirit & all. I know after all it isn't for just me its the Master & His work so its all right & He is worthy!

Sep. a.m. Your letter of May 15, — Uncle Bert has gone on with Daddy Dear to be with the Master-another precious loved one waiting for us over there-He is happier too. Where is aunt Clara? Is she going to stay in Brownsville? Somehow I imagine she'll want to go back to Cal. — That has been such a sweet experience for Uncle Bert to have her & a happy home in his last years! I am so glad he had her. She too has made all his family happy with her sweet presence there among them, That was nice you could see Daddy's grave again. It's all kept well & the stone still just the same. I expect you are glad you have the solid stone nothing to fall down or place for sinking its! Mamie mine, I wonder if Sundays are any different from other days in Heaven! It must be wonderful - with no veil between them & the Master but an open vision of His glory - we lose sometimes the vision of His glory in our rush of things that must be done! Oh for a closer walk with God that He may truly be seen by others living in us. Just how to always represent Him aright - well, if we keep in constant close touch with Him - we know we are dead with Him - then He lives out thru us! But the difficulty is for us to keep out of His way!

10. Today, I must rest a while this A.M. There are two services this P.M. to hear the Mr. Yee from Jerusalem - + maybe I'll go tonight to Erv's school to hear Mr. Tsui again. Their meetings close tonight, Mr Choo has gone back to Tsinan - so we miss our discourses on the political situations. Just now all are speculating over Chang Tso lin's accident - whether done by Japanese or Chinese + why! If he dies it surely will give Japan a chance to step into Manchuria for certain - If southerners did it the wrecking it seems awfully stupid - if Japanese - its pretty bold - so it goes. That was good of Board to write you. I'm so happy mother mine you are so able to trust + not worry. It helps me so much too + besides worry steals the peace of the heart + that's worse yet. I just praise Him for my precious dear ones! How much you all do mean!!

The report of the conference was good. As he gave it, it must have been a great meeting 51 countries represented by 240 or more delegates. He said the Christian message was most complete - that is he repeated to us the report + the fundamental points were in it - as he gave it. He said that he felt more than before that Christianity is a living powerful force. He made the statement that the council got farther than just doctrinal disputes. He also spoke of the great differences in every point, even their use of the English language, but were one in Christ and this overruled racial differences.

Dearest ones, I must close now with heaps of love to the dearest, dearest ones I know - Lovingly Irene,

Letter paper was nice.
I'll address Roseburg - I never can tell where to send letters but I sure you'll get them at last. Love to all!

Tues Eve. July 12 - 1928

My Precious Mumsie!

Your letter got mailed today before I got it finished - so I'll start another note tonight - Such a heavy heart I have for you mumsie mine - it is rather like the sea tonight - so cold + grey + lonely like - not a bit the nice cheery sea of sunny day. It has been rainy + blowing all the time today - Your letters came dear heart just as we were going to eat supper - I skimmed thru them + then came away from folks just to read them + think of you + visit this eve, Mumsie dear, it is so hard for you I know + I wish I could somehow bridge the miles of water between - but even as I write - I just ask our Father to bridge it + to give you the comfort + peace He

3] Somehow I wonder how when at times I'm not so very brave how I can be to the praise of His glory! But such peace + comfort as He has given + the verse this a.m. - "My presence shall go with thee" is so true - Lord increase our faith - + give us joyfulness in the waiting + working time - a radiant reflection of His glory!

Mummie mine - you know those letters of Warren's + Dr Etta's helped so much. I am glad to know that Warren planned to go. How sorry I am for Dr Etta - May it be God's leading her to Him Himself! Ah surely it will! Warren's attitude is better too - I believe not only in deference to your opinion + faith but merely because they must face that at such a time. Oh! may God bring them soon + spare them any more sadness + illness + sorrow. Oh how blessed that we can rest on God's promise to answer our prayers! I'll write

He alone can give + may He fill your heart with His peace + satisfy the sad unsettled feeling! Oh mumie dear it is so hard but someday we will understand just why it was best now + soon maybe the Lord will come to unite us again oh mumie how precious, to know where he is + how happy + all! You're so brave sweetheart and I love you so so!! I wish you were with me tonight but expect maybe some day you can come with me! I had this little treasure thought deep in my heart and its fragrance fills it with a sweet comfort. But just now how my heart cries for you! Mumie we must learn a-new that lesson - just to hand on to God's hand the harder + abide the closer! God give us the grace to do so!! + somehow and to the praise of His glory.

Eula + Ray soon. No papers at all have come for me to sign, I'll be only too glad to sign anything making it easier to get all settled. I do hope too house is sold to relieve you dearest one - as hard as it is to leave + break up everything! Am glad you have been able to get back + forth - but don't try to live alone yet - I'm so glad you've Eula + Bessie + their homes!
A good letter yesterday from Mrs. Warner + a paper tonight + card from Mary Scollard! It was nice of her to write. I'll enclose Anna Moffet's letter - good to publish - its been published I'm sure before - as this is a carbon copy of one that came. I have only it + want it back please, Woodburn folks may like to see it, Will send a Korean letter to the church soon. Mother did Roy's church take my support He sent a letter with an item checked "Write to our Missy --- my name etc!
It's too dark too see - so I'll go back now + get to sleep early! Seems to take much pep these days to go on - but He is sufficient! I'm well - don't worry that remark meant just His courage + strength. Love to all + you my darling Mumie - take care of yourself as lots lots of love + prayer for you -
Irene